

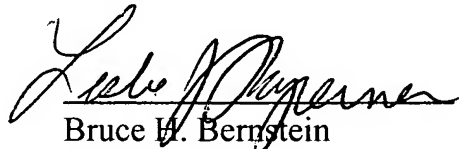
REMARKS

By the above amendment, the specification and claim 7 has been amended solely to correct clerical errors therein and not to limit or narrow this claim. Claims 1-9 presently remain pending in the present application for consideration by the Examiner.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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